

# Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare update

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## Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

To:  
Nursing Homes  
HMOs and Other  
Managed Care  
Programs

### Clarification of nursing home stays for Medicaid managed care enrollees

This *Update* provides clarification of Medicaid policy regarding short-term and long-term nursing home stays for Medicaid recipients enrolled in a Medicaid managed care program. Nursing home providers should contact the enrollee's managed care program prior to admitting the recipient.

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For a listing of Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs and the areas they serve, refer to the June 2001 *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update*.

#### Medicaid HMOs and Independent Care

Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are HMOs contracted by the state to provide services to Medicaid-eligible needy families with dependent children.

Independent Care (*iCare*) is a voluntary managed care program for Medicaid recipients who have physical, developmental, or emotional disabilities. To be eligible for the program, recipients must meet Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability criteria, be 15 years or older, and reside in Milwaukee County.

#### *Short-term nursing home stays for recipients enrolled in a Medicaid HMO or Independent Care*

Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs and *iCare* cover *short-term*, physician-ordered nursing home stays with prior *written* approval from the enrollee's HMO. Short-term stays are usually for rehabilitative purposes. Nursing home providers should contact the recipient's

#### *Long-term nursing home stays for enrollees in a Medicaid HMO or Independent Care*

Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs and *iCare* do not cover *long-term* nursing home stays. Nursing home providers should contact the enrollee's Medicaid HMO or *iCare* *prior* to admitting the enrollee for a long-term stay or if the predicted length of stay is unknown. If a long-term nursing home stay is required, the recipient is no longer eligible for enrollment in a Medicaid HMO or *iCare*. The nursing home should notify the enrollee's certifying agency promptly. Once the enrollee is disenrolled from the managed care program, providers may submit claims for the recipient to Wisconsin Medicaid as fee-for-service claims.

#### **Programs that provide long-term care for elderly and disabled**

Special managed care programs, such as the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

(PACE), Wisconsin Partnership Program (Partnership), and Family Care, cover all physician-ordered short-term and long-term nursing home stays for their enrollees/members.

Nursing home providers should contact the enrollee's special managed care program or the member's care management organization (CMO) prior to admitting them. Nursing home accommodations for these enrollees/members are denied if submitted to Wisconsin Medicaid as fee-for-service claims.

The following is a list of special managed care programs:

- Children Come First — Dane County.  
Phone: (608) 242-6206
- Community Care for the Elderly — PACE and Partnership, Milwaukee County.  
Phone: (414) 385-6600
- Community Health Partnership — Partnership, Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire Counties.  
Phone: (715) 838-2900
- Community Living Alliance — Partnership, Dane County.  
Phone: (608) 242-8335
- Elder Care — Partnership, Dane County.  
Phone: (608) 240-0020
- Independent Care — Milwaukee County.  
Phone: (414) 223-4847
- Wraparound Milwaukee — Milwaukee County.  
Phone: (414) 257-6847

The following is a list of Family Care CMOs:

- Creative Care Options of Fond du Lac County.  
Phone: (920) 906-5100
- La Crosse County CMO.  
Phone: (608) 785-6059
- Milwaukee County CMO.  
Phone: (262) 512-2900
- Community Care of Portage County.  
Phone: (715) 345-5968
- Aging and Disability Services of Richland County.  
Phone: (608) 647-2302

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*The Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

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